Integrated Planning Cell

February 11, 2022
Start time: 0700hrs
Location: NOC, RCMP GHQ

ATTENDEES:

- PARDY, Carson – Chief Superintendent, OPP
- ABRAMS, Craig – Superintendent, OPP
- MORRIS, Pat – Superintendent, OPP
- FRANCIS, Mike – A/Superintendent, OPP
- COLLINS, Brad – D/Inspector, OPP
- TAYLOR, Brad – Emergency Management Unit Planner, OPP
- BARCLAY, Brian – Inspector, OPP
- WALKER, Jim – Inspector, OPP
- ELBERS, Brent – D/Staff Sergeant, OPP
- MacALISTER, Don – D/Staff Sergeant, OPP
- LESTER, Dayna – D/Sergeant, OPP
- BEKS, Jeff – POIB Analyst, OPP
- PALERMO, Catherine – POIB Analyst, OPP
- CLARK, Kristin – Criminal Intelligence Section
- WILKS, Travis – Staff Sergeant, OPP
- LEU, Phil – Superintendent, RCMP
- TETREAULT, Darwin – Sergeant, RCMP
- SKINNER, Tim – Inspector, York Regional Police
- DUFFY, Arlene – Sergeant, Toronto Police Service
- ETHIER, Isabelle – Planner, Toronto Police Service
- WARFIELD, Thomas – Inspector, Peel Regional Police

- LEONARD, Valerie – RCMP Scribe
- MCKENNEY, Toni – OPP Scribe

Minutes:

PAT MORRIS

- Project HENDON was created in January 2020.
- Intel was noticing an increasing amount of civil disobedience, pre-Covid. First nation protests, left wing, environmental protests – much civil disobedience, and a fair amount of criminal activity.
- HENDON is an OPP led national initiative, involving other police services across Canada which speaks to these issues. OPS was a significant participant in Hendon.
- Since April 2021, Project HENDON has specifically honed in on civil disobedience, protests etc., specifically against mandates.
- Project ARDEN started in January 2020 – involving every police service in Ontario – provided a weekly report regarding vaccine security, vaccine mandates and later evolved to include threats to public persons – health officers, ministers of health, etc.
- Group in Ottawa are opposed to a myriad of issues from carbon tax to vaccine mandates.

- In the past 9 months, there have been a few major events in Ontario – Hildenbrand in Aylmer, Queen's Park protests, the BBQ restaurant owner in GTA - no significant amount of criminal

activity, but a catalyst toward a broader movement which is inspiring them to fight these regulations.

- Operational security challenges – degree of "support" from nurses, from police retired/on duty/support for certain politicians has allowed information to leak to the other side.
- This concerted organization and degree of fundraising support has never been seen in policing or national security – more than $10million dollars raised - police and gov't went to great lengths to seize the Go Fund me funds. (CIB attempted that with McKenzie Meadows Occupation and were denied.)
- Now the group is raising money other ways – could be referred to as foreign influence activity, given the amount of money going in. Information has been received regarding Russian involvement.
- In terms of Ottawa convoy, since they started on 24 Jan, there have been very few criminal acts. Yesterday, there was an increase hostility, antagonism, anti-police/anti-establishment sentiment.
- POIB has honed in on 8 locations, targeting specific people – one location is at Rideau and Sussex.
- This situation is incredibly volatile which may have national security implication. Blocking the Ambassador Bridge/Blue Water Bridge will have huge implications to the economy.
- There are extremist groups – DIAGALON involved. FAARFADA is a QC based group
- Group uses TELEGRAM/Zello/CB chats/Public Messaging – POIB is engaged.
- Atmosphere is generally congenial, upbeat, and compliant.
- Approx. 12 POI profiled, cross referenced with Ottawa.
- [redacted] important one. He was PM's protective detail. Not just a sniper, but 2IC of snipers.
- We see calls for action occurring organically across the province. Significant amount of lawful and peaceful dissent, intermixed with people who support much more egregious groups.

POIB priority

- Provide planners with intel to inform decision making, to supply that info to the OPS.
- Significant priority for bridges – getting info regarding Ambassador and Bluewater Bridges. Daily report looks at entire atmosphere and social media, on ground scene individual of interest. Locations of interests. Considers consequences.
- POI's are constantly being working on. UC operations ongoing to engage online, to acquire information.

SUPT PARDY advises high level briefing was held with OPS last night – do we have a coordinated intel focus so we know it's being shared? Primary police is OPS, secondary is RCMP. OPP involved in resource allocation and POIB – supply info to NCRCC to CIG (Combined Intelligence Group). Karen MARLIN is there – CIG participates in daily HENDON calls at 1100hrs.

CATHERINE PALERMO

- People have been mobilized, Party fueled by Covid cases, and the influx of Omicron
- The convoy route saw a lot of heavy equipment, big trucks, tractor trailers and passenger vehicles
- Lots of support on routes – overpasses, mustering points and at lights.
- Number of support convoys across the provinces.
- Ottawa moved into Operation Bear hug 2.0.
- Financial situation of this convoy may have the backing of some private millionaires.
- Many of their grievances pre-date Covid, Covid has just amplified the anti gov't sentiment.

Current situation:

- Taking great exceptions being labelled terrorists and insurrectionists.
- Continue to emphasise this is peaceful, very low criminality.
- Some information suggests pulling up stakes in Ottawa and move to Toronto.
- Outside support – moral and financial support from Americans – pro-Trump, fuel that sort of narrative. MP [redacted] also giving interviews.
- Attempting to destabilize government on the world stage.
- Have significant gaps around where the leaders are. Each of the road captains are responsible for a segment of the convoy – 40-60 truckers. Most influential people are [redacted] – they will be the intermediaries between leadership apparatus and people on ground – dangerous combination of dangerous and gullible
- Engaged CAS to check on welfare of children residing in trucks/camps... some believed the government would be coming door to door and removing children from homes who were not vaccinated.

D/S/Sgt. DON MACALISTER– OBERSERVATIONS ON GROUND

- Intel has been monitoring convoys, embedded at all stops, with intent to engage actions of the crowd
- Mood of convoys travelling to Ottawa was festive, until as recently as yesterday. People showing signs of aggression – dissatisfaction of Trudeau. Vibe has been law abiding and positive.
- Having road hockey games and jumping castles for the children
- Group is policing themselves, not tolerating any counter protest – one occurred on weekend at the courthouse in Ottawa - several hundred counter-protestors showed up, and the protest people were telling their own people not to engage, then they disbursed on their own
- Yesterday was the first day noticed a changed in climate – Anti-Police messaging – likely a result of the enforcement action taken at Coventry Station.
- Hasn't been a lot of notable criminal behaviour. Well organized, well supported and peaceful gathering of people.

D/Sgt. DAYNA LESTER - EXTREMIST ACTIVITY AND POI

- DIAGALON – [redacted] – members on ground in Ottawa and in Toronto. Members refer to themselves – live streams on multiple platforms – will discuss firearms and ammunition – have an active probe into this group.-
- Several are present – [redacted] was clear after his arrest out east to keep it peaceful. It appears they have listened to him – he seems to have a great deal of control over the group. They want to keep it peaceful and lawful at this time.
- Not all who came to Ottawa are unlawful – there are families.
- Number of POIS keeping an eye on in the past year and a half there.
- Social Media – seeing some concerning rhetoric. Mostly one –offs.
- PATS and POIB both continually monitoring open source and closed groups.
- There has been an alignment/partnership of individual alliances putting aside their own agenda and banding together.
- [redacted] – he supports Hell's Angels and Soldiers of Odin – is either a current or former member.
- Continuing covert and open sources.

OPERATIONAL SECURITY – CATHERINE PALERMO

- Nuanced language from Fulford – maintained contact with active duty officers

- Last night a document appearing to be from the City of Ottawa looking for availability of transit officers available for tomorrow.
- More information regarding break in the ranks with OPS – information is coming from sympathizers

BRENT ALBERS – Anti terrorism - the vast amount of video and online streaming including police scanners captures and put online – everything is being streamed.

JIM WALKER - Other events unfolding around the province and trying to get the reliability of statements being made. Larger plan is to tax police resources which makes it harder to respond to things like Ottawa.

Will provide Chief with updated Intelligence Report – updated daily.
D/Sgt. Karen Marlin is point person in combined intelligence group. (CIG)

PARDY - many are there homeschooling children, church services - they may not be part of the fringe element and may not realize they are breaking the law in any way? MORRIS agrees.

D/S/Sgt MacALISTER – what are crowds comprised of and what are they doing?

- Families, elderly, children – broad spectrum of demographics. Big presence of it's a "family event"
- Teams today will be tasked with paying attention to the children.
- They think they're celebrating – they don't believe they're committing criminal acts, believe they're just putting the message forward.

SUPT MORRIS – PLT framework has been excellent in the past – we have a significant portion of this event – if proper messaging and options in the form of negotiation could occur, this could dissipate. PARDY agrees. Meeting with Chief SLOLY at noon today and will be stressing the need for a plan and an overview – we need to come to terms with what the intelligence really is, vs. what is perceived.

We are here to support the OPS, if there is view is different from what we see on the ground, their approach needs to be intelligence driven. Divergence of views that we need to converge with.

[redacted] and [redacted] are lending credibility to their movements – they believe they are right and that everyone will come to realize their belief is the correct one. Leaderships maintain the stance that they have done nothing wrong, they well within their rights and everyone will wake up and see that they are correct. These two are talking about fighting in Bosnia and testifying in court – would seem very impressive.

BRAD TAYLOR – OACP teleconference Monday that POIB had done individual dossiers for each of 40-50 leaders/influencers? Request that information become available to planners – Pat MORRIS advises yes. The only thing we are sensitive to is the use of information that came from one more covert operation which has more long-term goals. Will try to make them more tactical.

SUPT ABRAMS – fairly major tactical events planned later this week for one of the major intersections – was POIB ever included for advice on what it will do if go through with a mass arrest plan? MORRIS says there's a degree of confusion. On Monday, MORRIS was advised on the timeline for operational engagement so they could assist. As a result of information sharing, POIB redeployed and focused on that location to acquire that information for those individuals.

POIB does believe any action needs to be preceded by a lot of messaging – messaging can diminish the impact of that enforcement action. If police can diminish # of people, it will diminish the # of arrests because some people will leave.

SUPT PARDY - we're here to build a plan to support our partners, but we have no information. Can't deploy when we don't know what we're deploying to. We have an OPS Plan but it does not give us enough information to deploy 500 officers without a more comprehensive plan.

Intelligence picture will inform this. From a tactical perspective, it was presented last night – a plan within a plan, haven't seen it either, but have been given a broad overview of what the plan is.

Second part is risk - mitigation concerning for any tactical approach for shutting down any given location. Picture being painted of family event, homeschooling, hockey tournament etc.

PAT MORRIS – interested in organizing – MORRIS to email Mark PATTERSON – he doesn't know who's calling the shots – pretty specific conversations with Mark that haven't cleared it up for him. Unsure who has the global perspective.

1. Push Ottawa towards a discussion and briefing exactly like this one with OPP, OPS, RCMP. Pardy agrees and advises they pushed a unified command structure on this – OPS advises they would be leading.
    - Briefing at noon will be similar – Chief was to attend last evening but was unable.
    - We need information in order to assist – communication and intelligence and information from their lead as to their intent – who's in charge of the event?
    - Can we not set unified command – has been done before with joining planning/joint command groups and done very successfully. Will bring that at the meeting.
    - MORRIS will send email to Mark PATTERSON (IC) Ken BRYDON (OIC intel), with a cc to PARDY – see if they would be interested in having a joint briefing. Positive, providing information. Narrative he's hearing from Deputy Chiefs in Ottawa is not specific, very general and refers to gamut of things that fall under label of "hateful". Not specifics that would form a plan.

- Communication strategy is so important moving forward. Something to be aware of that they turn it around and use it to their advantage.

2. Timing of these events - if this event is going to go ahead according to the time schedule, important for POIB to know because it will have consequences and implications.

3. Wants to share information – for the operational intelligence report – what are thoughts in terms of us routing? Can send to OPS – OPP would like to have it with the planning group – York, TPS, Peel, Waterloo, RCMP. Would be very useful if we could get it. Understand your perspective on controlling delivery – something could be controlled. PARDY suggest it comes to him, we will ensure that it gets mailed to the group with the caveat not to be shared further, just for planning.

    - Anticipate HENDON, POI profiles, operational intelligence.
    - National international POU expertise at the table
    - We will be articulating our concerns.
    - We can still take a measured approach – messaging and PLT – many people just don't know. Some people have exit strategies that they haven't been able to offer. OPP PLT indicated many people at the target of tomorrow's location have decided to leave, but

have been told they can only leave on the police's terms. This will be troubling – that will form part of their narrative.

- MORRIS – CIB inspector assigned to all events, should they be required – Brad Collins has been assigned. Sharing info with Karen MARLIN at the CIG. From a planning perspective, if he sends it to here, assume it will be shared with the RCMP? Phil LUE – Phil.Lue@rcmp-grc.gc.ca

CALL ENDED 10:27

Meeting adjourned at 0854 hrs.
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